

in which

R is a hydrogen or a CH₂COOH group,

X is hydrogen, OH or NH₂, but is OH or NH₂ if Y is hydrogen,

Y is hydrogen, OH or NH₂ but is OH or NH₂ if X is hydrogen, or

X and Y together are a π bond,

and/or an anhydride of the polycarboxylic acid I

ii. with ammonia and, if desired,

iii. with primary amines and/or compounds containing at least two hydroxyl groups;

and/or

(B) a mixture of at least one polycarboxylic acid of the formula I and/or its anhydride

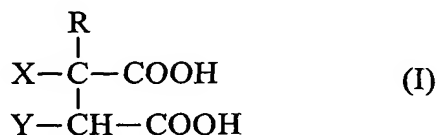
and at least one substance which releases ammonia on heating and, if desired, primary amines

and/or compounds containing at least two hydroxyl groups.

12. (Amended) A heat-curable composition comprising

(A) at least one reaction product of

i. at least one polycarboxylic acid of the formula I:



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Y is hydrogen, OH or NH₂ but is OH or NH₂ is X is hydrogen, or

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(B) a mixture of at least one polycarboxylic acid of the formula I and/or its anhydride

and at least one substance which releases ammonia on heating and, if desired, primary amines

and/or compounds containing at least two hydroxyl groups; and

(C) at least one further constituent selected from finely divided polymers of

ethylenically unsaturated monomers, compounds containing at least two hydroxyl groups,

and polymeric polycarboxylic acids.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 1 has been amended by making explicit what was at least implicit, i.e., that X and Y can each be hydrogen, but must be OH or NH₂ when the other is hydrogen. In addition, Claim 1 has been rewritten by inserting prefixes --(1)-- and --(2)--, so that it is clear that Claim 1 is drawn to two alternative embodiments, i.e., (1) moldings from finely divided materials and (2) consolidated sheetlike structures of fiber materials, and by inserting prefixes --(A)-- and --(B)--, so that it is clear that the heat curable composition is (A) and/or (B). The term --consolidated-- has been inserted and is supported in the specification at page 24, line 12. Claim 12 has been amended accordingly, except that the prefix --(C)-- has also been inserted therein. No change in claim scope is intended or effected by the above amendment.

No new matter has been added by the above amendment. Claims 1-12 remain